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Water-front View of Park.

LOCATION.

MIDWAY PARK is located on the east side of the Wallkill River in Orange County, N. Y., equidistant between the city of Middletown and the village of Goshen, one of the two shire towns of the county.

HOW REACHED.

The best and most comfortable way of reaching the park is by the cars of the Middletown-Goshen Traction Company, which leave Franklin Square in Middletown, and the N. Y., L. E. & W. Railway station in Goshen, at frequent intervals throughout the day.

After leaving the former city the road follows the highway as far as Mechanicstown, a distance of about two miles, at which point it enters a romantic glen, through which the passenger is carried for nearly a mile, passing on the way the ruins of factories whose walls once resounded with the clatter of the loom as it united warp and woof in woolen fabric for the habiliments of man.

On leaving the highway the road is joined by a merry stream, which blithely escorts it on its winding way through the glen, and thence to the river, by which

From the Observatory—Looking West.

it is ruthlessly absorbed at the conclusion of its act of hospitality. On emerging from the glen the first glimpse of the river and park is caught, the former spanned by a substantial iron bridge, from which the passenger, in transitu, obtains a fine view of the river in either direction.

The route from Goshen to the park affords the passenger a succession of beautiful views of a pastoral character, which will well repay one for the time involved in their enjoyment.

WALLKILL RIVER.

The stream on which the park is situated takes its rise in the township of Sparta in Sussex Co., N. J., and flows thence in a northeasterly direction to Rondout in Ulster County, where it empties into the Hudson River. The section of country through which the Wallkill flows is rich in productiveness. This is especially true of the County of Orange, which is noted far and wide for its dairy

From the Observatory—Looking south.

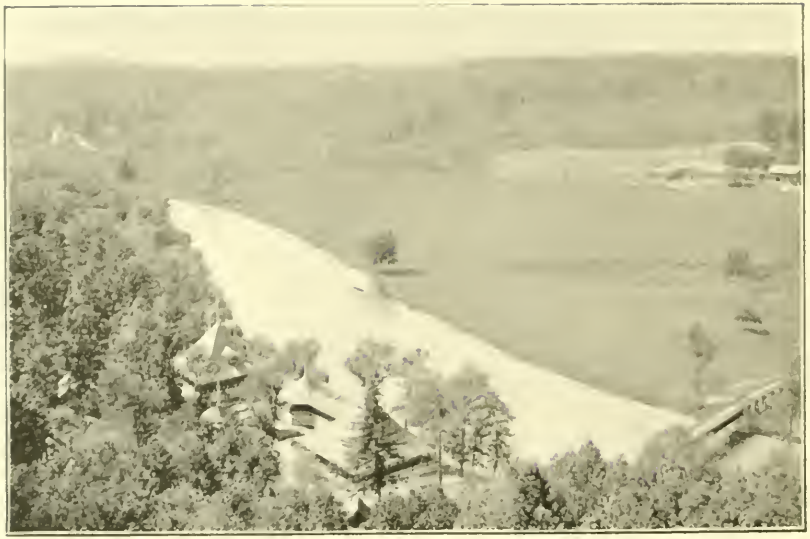
products, many thousands of fine cattle, the bulk of whose product in the shape of milk is daily shipped to the New York market, finding rich pasturage within its borders.

The Wallkill supplies water-power to a great number of mills and factories along its course, notably at Montgomery and Walden, where extensive knife and straw paper works give employment to many hundreds of operatives.

Perhaps at no other point throughout its entire length are the natural features of the landscape so attractive as at this one chosen as the site for the park.

MIDWAY PARK.

The park embraces 110 acres, about forty of which, heavily timbered, borders on the river and constitutes the main part of the park proper. Among the more important of the natural features of the park is Hopper Hill, which rises to a height of 250 feet above the level of the river which flows immediately at its base. On its summit, and reached by an inclined railway, stands a lofty observatory from which a wide and interesting view of the surrounding country is obtained.



From the Observatory—Vertical View.

THE OBSERVATORY.

Looking westward one sees a portion of the thriving city of Middletown, with its numerous church spires, like inverted exclamation marks, pointing upward, and its tall chimneys marking the location of some of its more important manufacturing industries.

Still further to the west and forming a dark-blue background to this urban picture, lie the Shawangunk Mountains, their eastern slope, from base to summit, checkered with the alternating green and brown of cultivated fields.

Turning to the east we see old Storm King and Anthony's Nose, standing like grim and silent warders at the gateway to the Highlands of the Hudson, their feet laved by the waters of the "American Rhine" as it passes between them on its way to the sea.

Moving our line of vision a little to the right we come to the Schunemunk Mountains, appropriately described as "the high hills to the west of the Highlands."

Still further to the right, and almost directly south of us, lie the Bellvale and

A peep from the woods.

the Warwick Mountains, with Mount Adam and Mount Eve, two isolated cones, in dark relief against the lighter blue of the latter range.

About fifty miles to the north, a dash of pale blue tint on the verge of the horizon, lie the Catskills, famous as a summer resort, and as the scene of the wonderful and mysterious adventures of Rip VanWinkle.

Looking directly downward, an enchanting scene is presented to the eye. The pavilion, with its kaleidoscopic throng; the river, with its glimmering surface dotted with shuttling boats with their rhythmic dip of oar and flash of blade: the electric launch, laden with pleasure seekers and moved by its invisible and mysterious, but powerful propelling force; the moving car, filled with arriving or departing guests; the trees, with their exuberant mantle of emerald green: and the verdant meadows, with their grazing kine, combine to form a picture that will linger long in the memory of one who views it from this point of vantage.

Just at the foot of the hill on which the observatory stands is a natural depression measuring about 200 feet across, and resembling a caldron in shape. To this spot, so tradition runs, the Indians of early days were wont to repair on the ap-

The Electric Fountain.

proach of cold weather; and here they would remain encamped until spring, completely protected from the chilling blasts and storms of the winter months by the encircling hills, and doubtless planning future predatory excursions among the white settlers of the surrounding country.

Among the more beautiful of the purely artificial attractions of the park is the

ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN

which is located not far from the pavilion. The play of multi-colored lights on the water as it leaps into the air produces a charming and novel effect. The myriad drops, as the various colors are thrown upon them, seem like gently falling showers of precious stones scattered by some fairy hand—emeralds, sapphires, rubies and diamonds following each other in rapid succession.

On the hill on which the observatory stands is located a large reservoir, from which water is distributed by pipes to all parts of the park. This water, which is of the purest quality, is supplied by a six-inch driven well which was sunk at great expense, and is sent up to the reservoir by electric power furnished from the power-house more than three miles away.

Two Disciples of Old Isaak.

DIVERSIONS.

Boating.—Those who are fond of rowing will find here ample facilities for indulging in this pleasant and healthful exercise. Good boats are procurable at reasonable rates, and one may glide over a smooth stretch of water for a distance of half a mile on the north and one and a half miles on the south, the river meanwhile describing many a graceful curve and affording the voyager a succession of beautiful views of varied characteristics. Should the visitor prefer, he may make the voyage in an elegant electric launch, and obviously with less fatigue than if he himself were the motive power.

Fishing.—The Wallkill has long been noted among the disciples of Isaak Walton for the sport it affords in this line, many of the food fishes frequenting inland waters being found therein. The patrician of the group is, of course, the black bass (*micropterus dolomieu*), specimens of which, weighing from one to three pounds are frequently captured.

A peep at the River, below the Park.

THE PAVILION.

Only a few steps from the railway station and immediately on the bank of the river stands the pavilion, a beautiful structure 232 feet in length, built in the Queen Anne style of architecture.

In the north end of the building is a space set apart for dancing, in which twelve sets can be accommodated with ease.

In the south end, which is connected with the former by a spacious promenade, is located a commodious and well-appointed restaurant under competent management, where all seasonable viands are served in the best style of the restaurateur. Only the milder potables are furnished, no intoxicating liquors of any kind being sold within the precincts of the park.

The pavilion affords a pleasing outlook on the river, and here one may sit and enjoy at leisure the ever-changing panorama, as the boats pass to and fro before him over the placid water.

When illuminated at night with its hundreds of electric lights the pavilion presents a charming picture from the river, which will well repay the visitor for delaying his departure to see.

The Boat Landing.

CONCLUSION.

With its many attractive features, both natural and artificial, Midway Park will be found to be a pleasant spot in which to pass an idle day, and especially suitable for picnics, family gatherings, etc., for which ample table and seating accommodations are provided.

Parties from abroad wishing to visit the park in any considerable numbers may obtain transportation at reduced rates over any of the railroads leading into Middletown or Goshen.

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